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THE WORLD'S MOST WAY PAST COOL COMIC!



SONIC

THE HEDGEHOG



After ten long years, the iron-fisted rule of DOCTOR ROBOTNIK over planet MOBIUS was believed to have finally ended! With the technological tyrant vanquished and his polluted factories shut down, order and beauty were restored to the city of MOBOTROPOLIS. Now the villain has returned to wreak havoc once more, but there are many who are willing to stand against him in the fight for freedom. The bravest among them is a brash, blue streak who just happens to be the fastest thing alive! ARCHIE COMICS AND SEGA PRESENT... SONIC THE HEDGEHOG!

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KODOS WAS UNCONSCIOUS OUTSIDE WHEN YOUR STAFF FOUND HIM, QUACK?

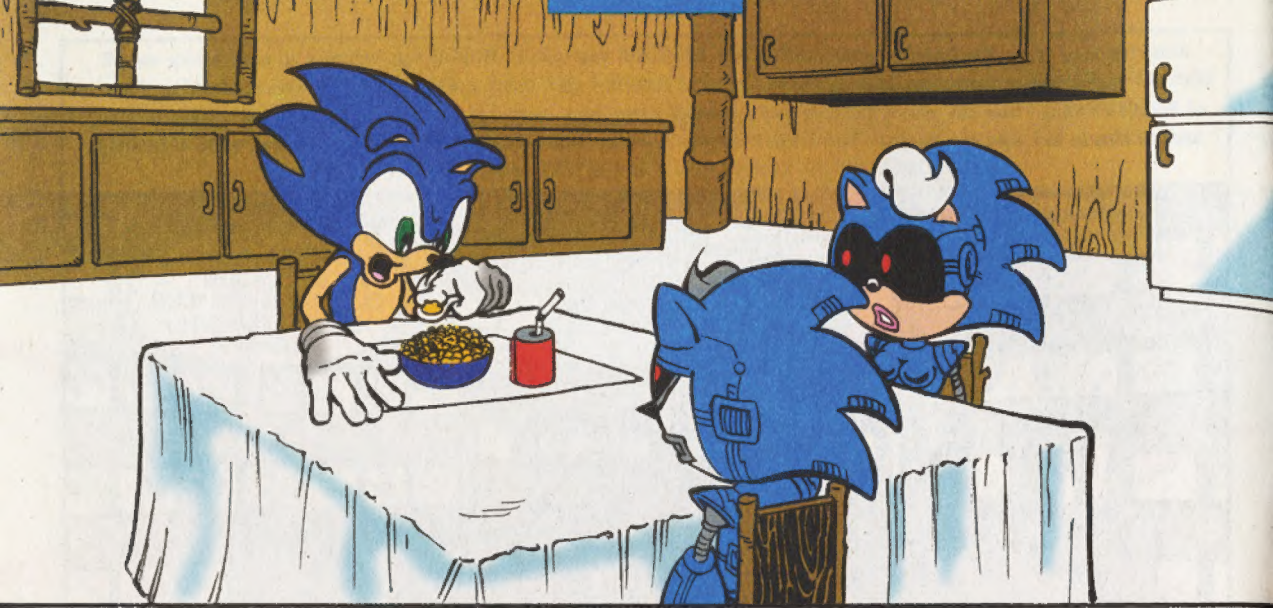
YES, AND SUFFERING FROM RADIATION-POISONING~ IT'S AFFECTED HIM PHYSICALLY AS WELL AS MENTALLY.

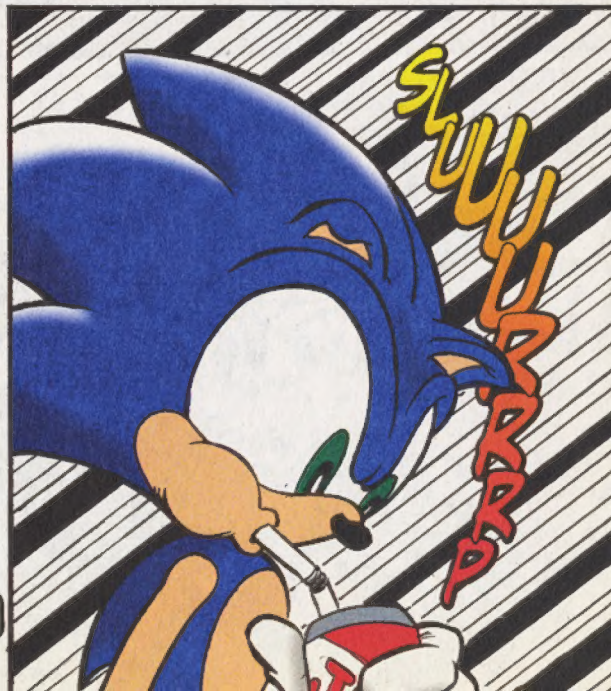
BUT HOW DID HE GET THERE?!

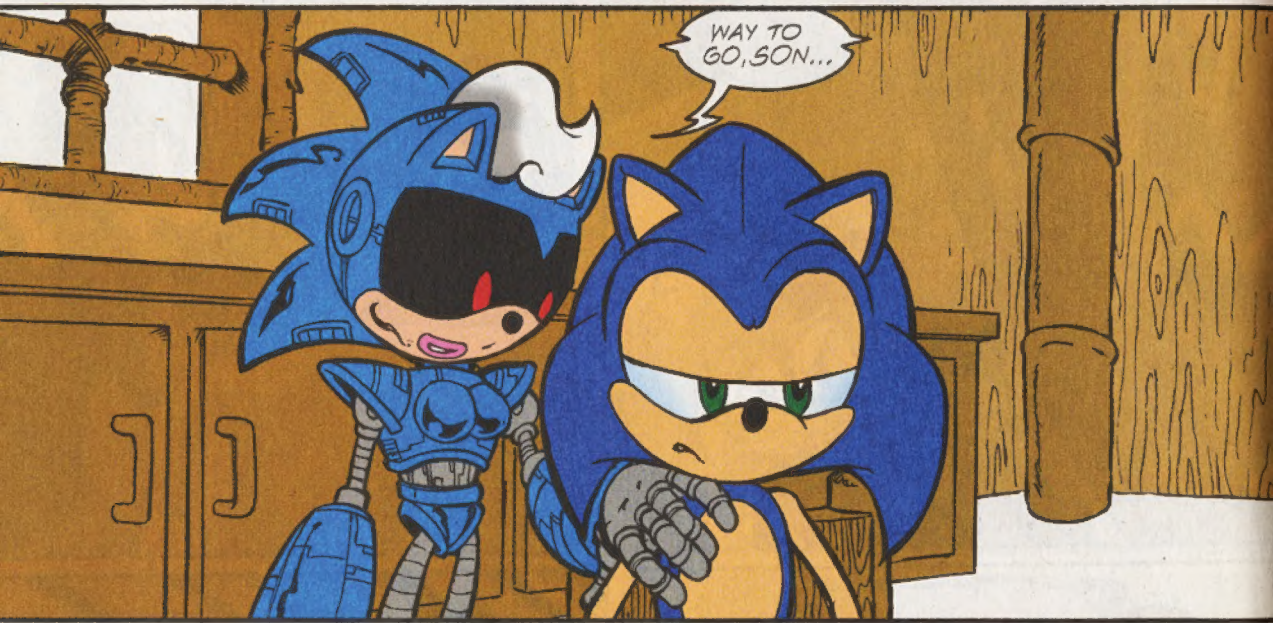
WELL, THAT'S WHY I CALLED YOU, ST. JOHN-- IT'S A MYSTERY!

I CAN THINK OF AT LEAST ONE SUSPECT

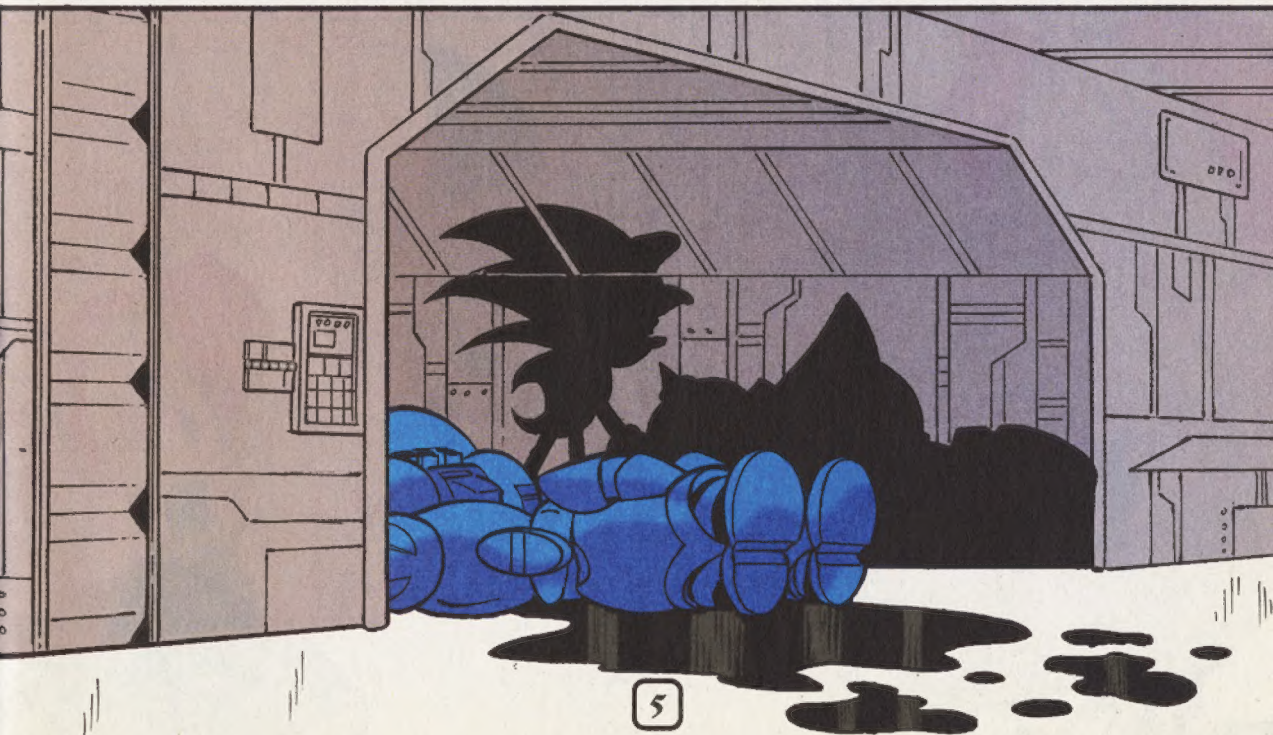
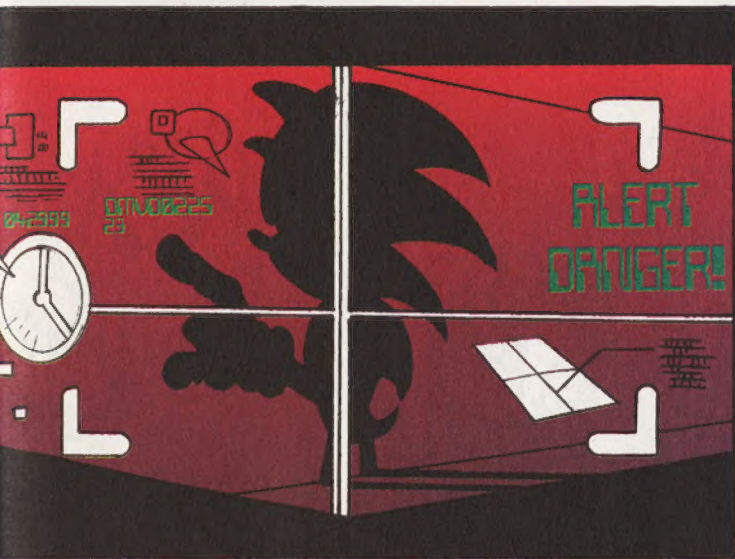
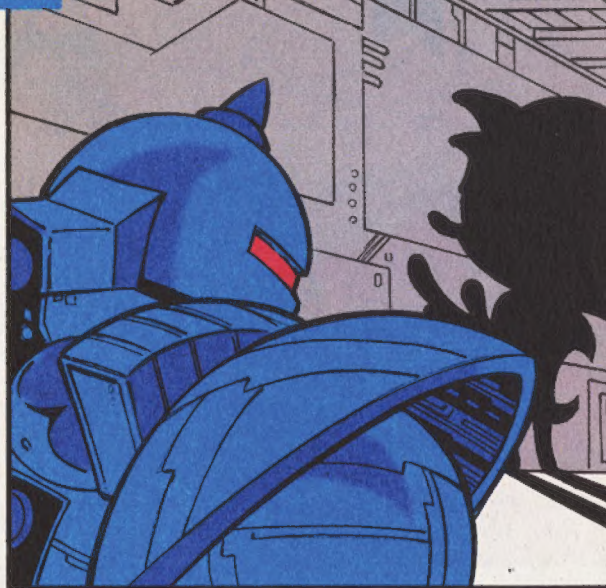
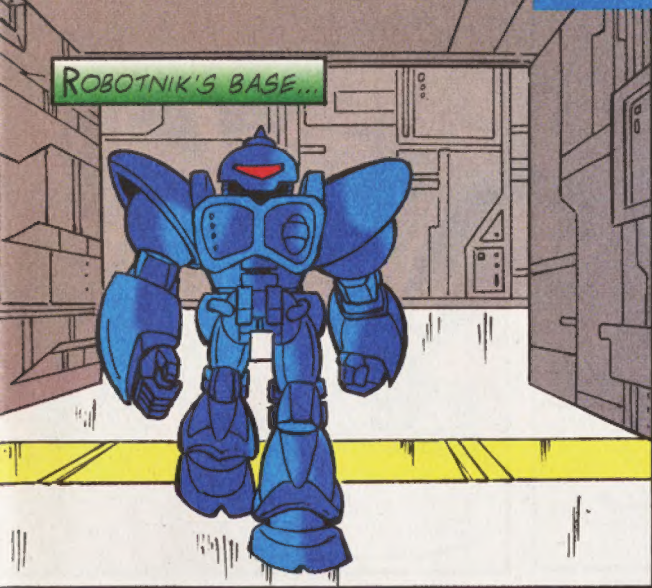
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ROBOTNIK'S BASE...





WE'RE STILL TRYING TO ASCERTAIN HOW KODOS GOT HERE, SIR!

KEEP ME INFORMED OF YOUR PROGRESS.



WE SHOULD TRY TO FIND OTHER POSSIBLE LEADS.



I CAN'T WAIT TO VISIT SONIC AND THE GANG!

I'LL JOIN YOU LATER, HERSHEY...



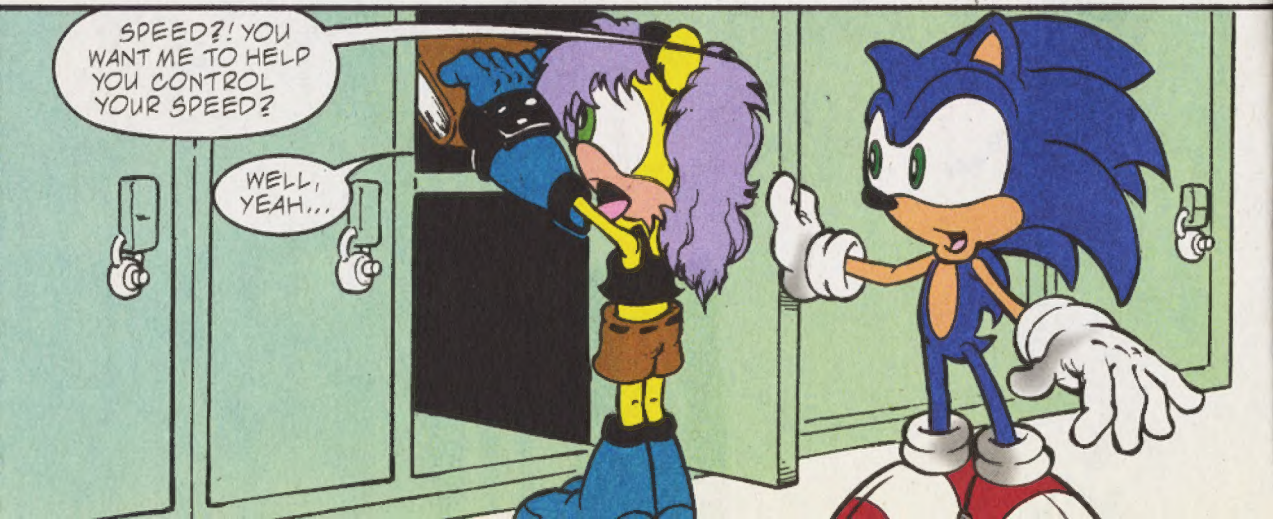
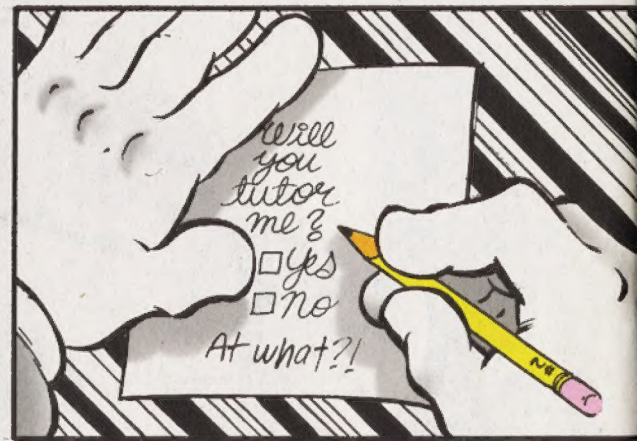
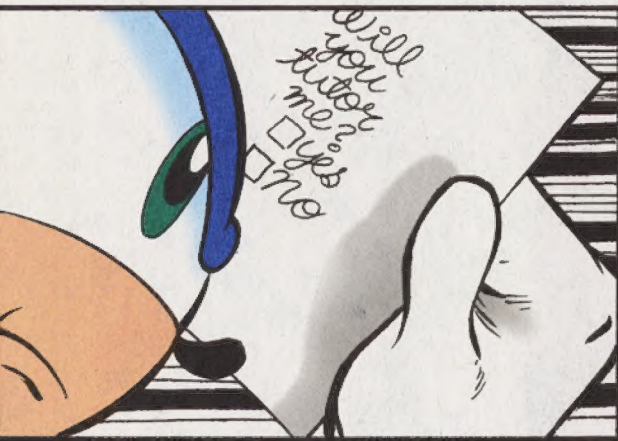
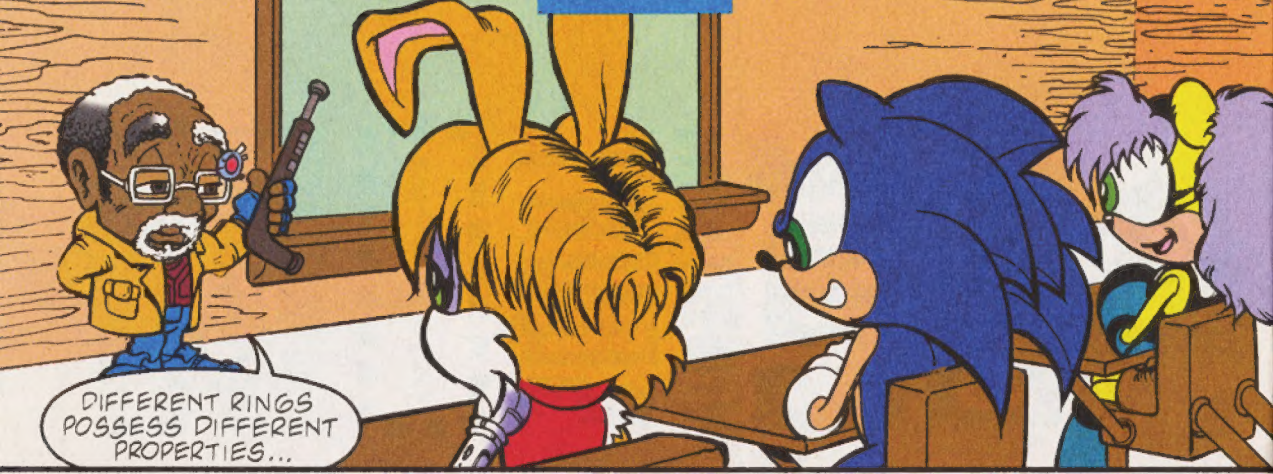
I'LL PROVIDE YOU AN ESCORT, PRINCESS-- KODOS' ALLIES MIGHT BE LURKING ABOUT.

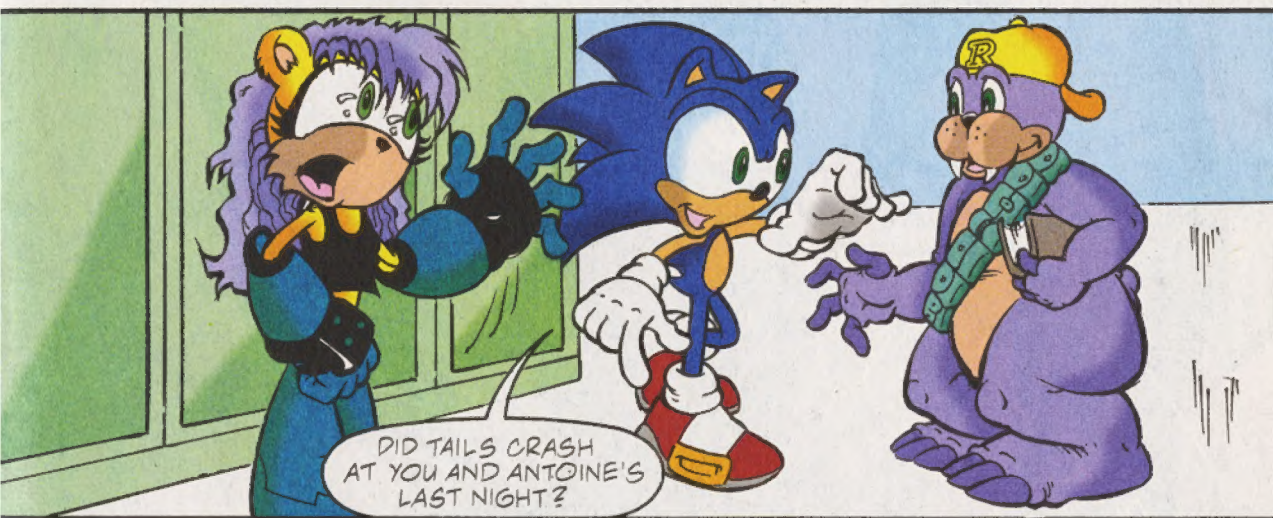


UHH... HOW ABOUT WHEN IT'S NOT SO DANGEROUS, THEN.



SORRY, GEOFFREY... BUT THIS IS A TRIP I HAVE TO MAKE ALONE. BUT HOW?

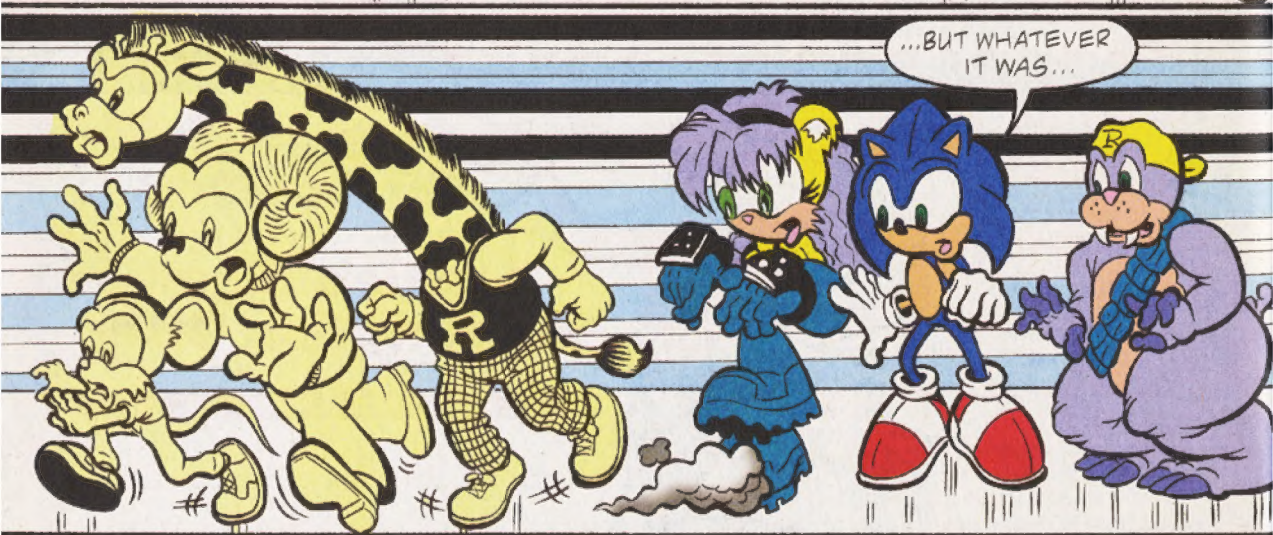
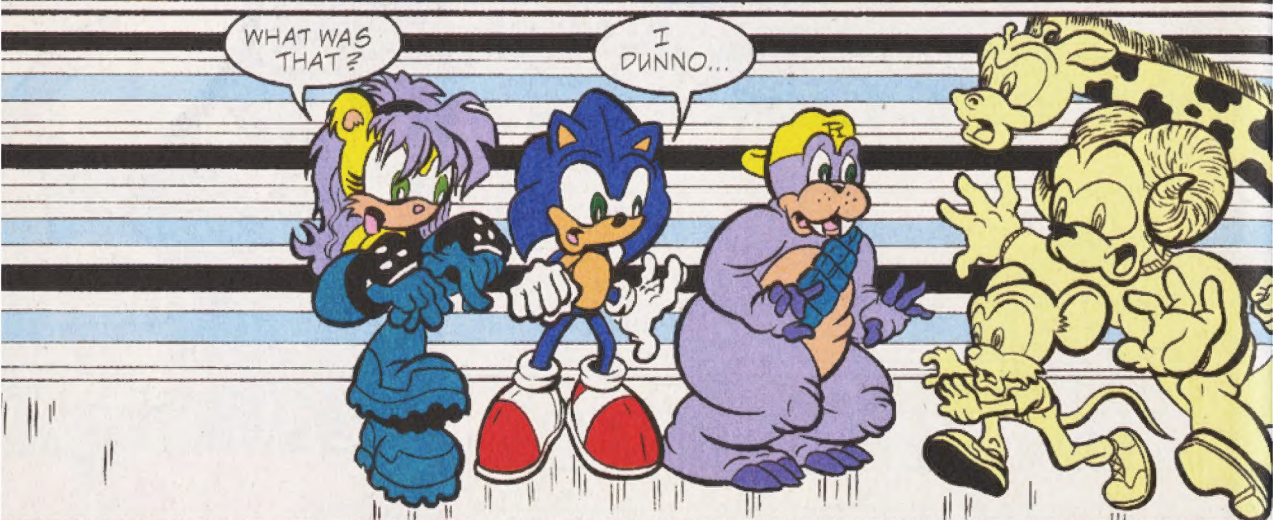






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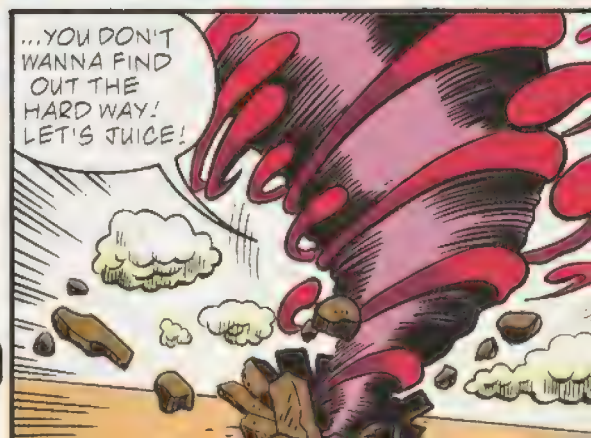
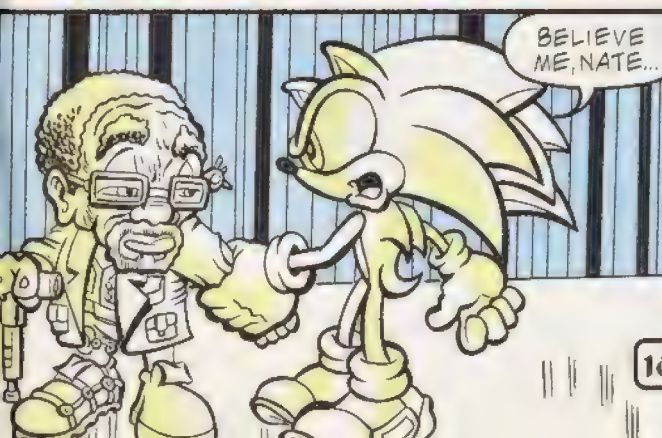
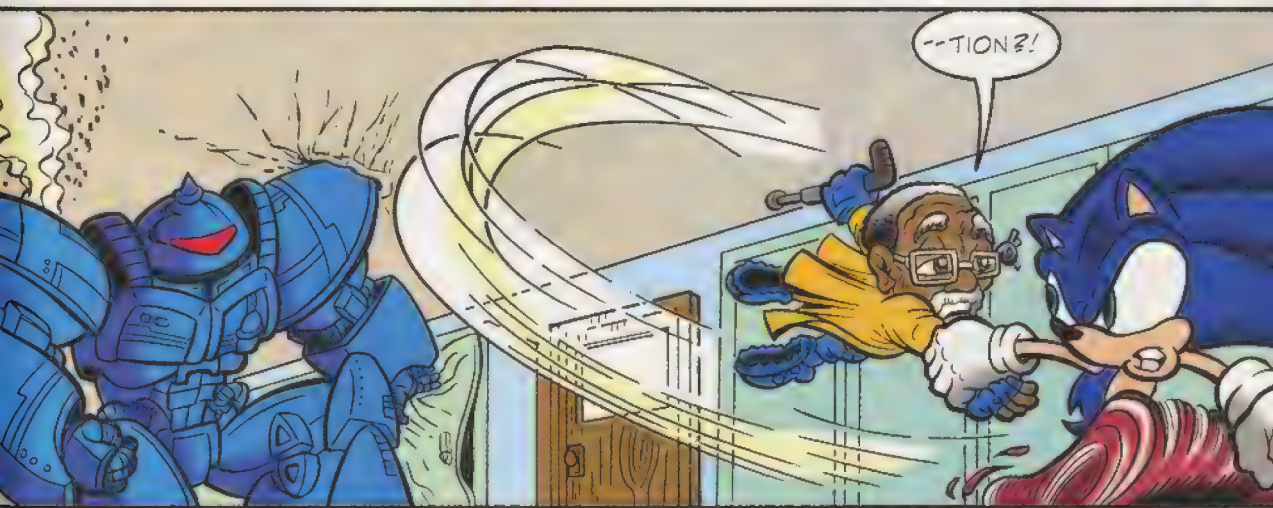
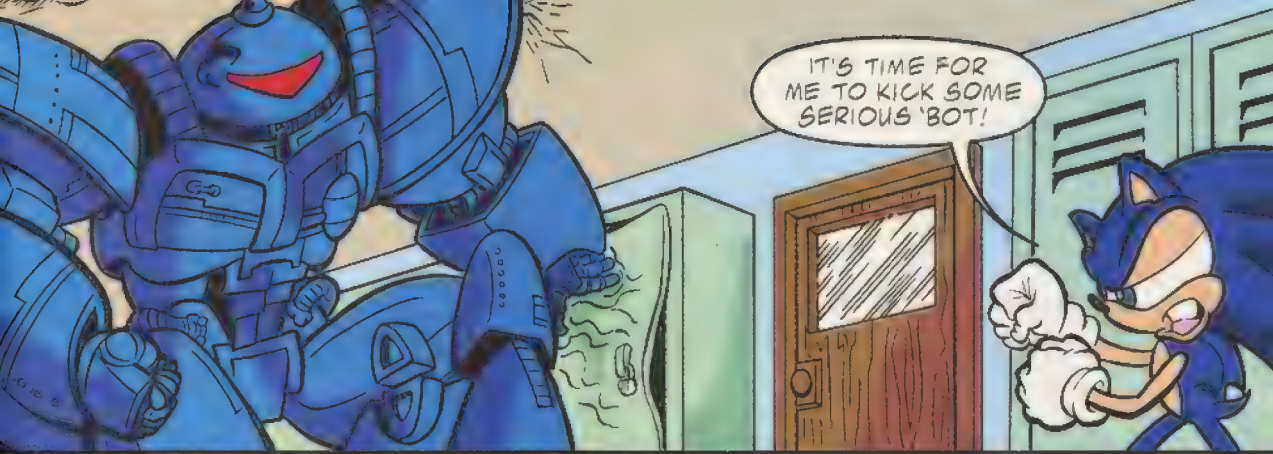
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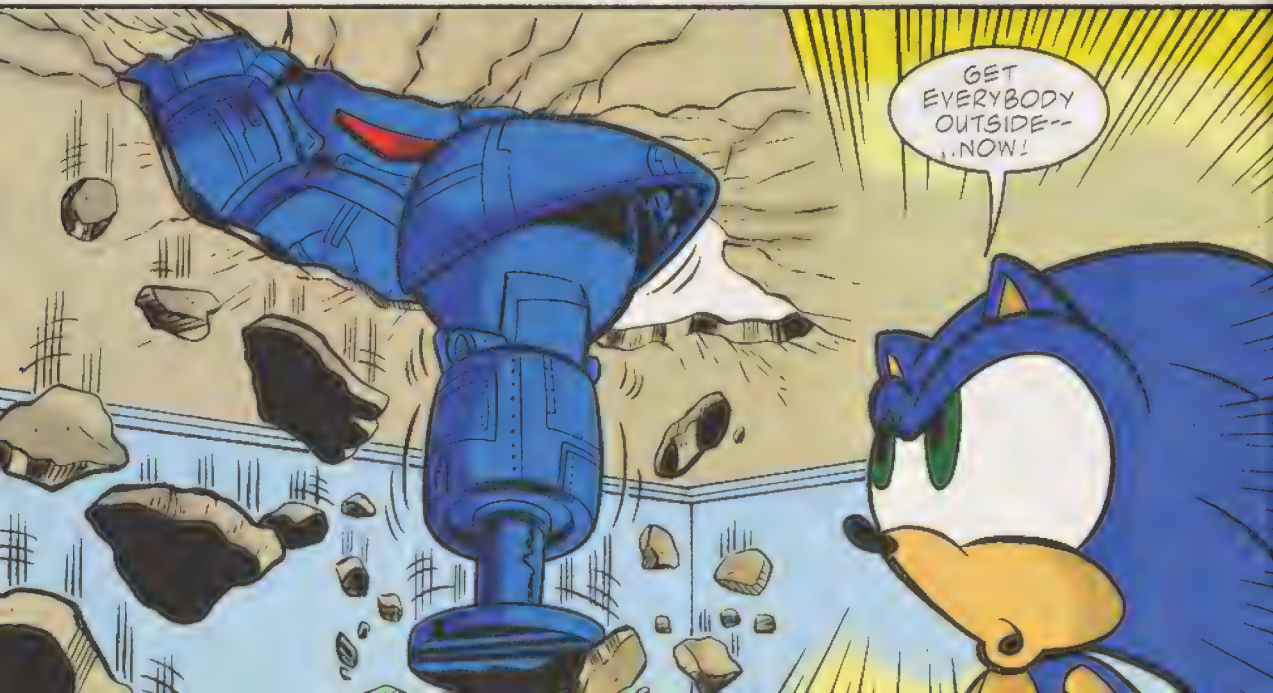
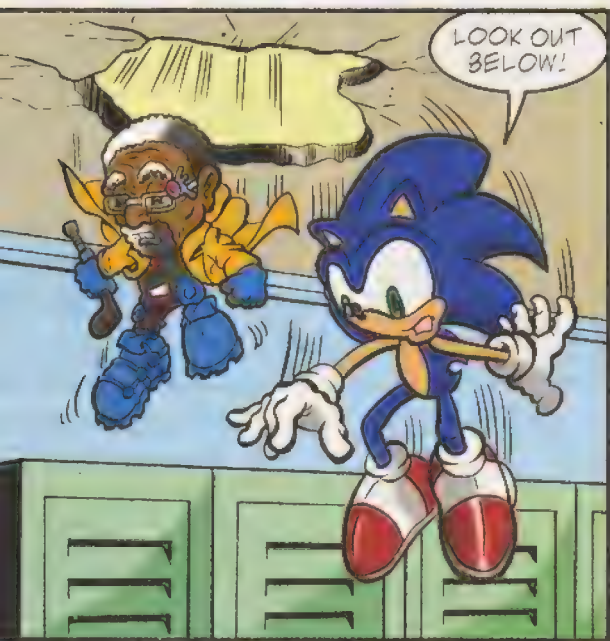
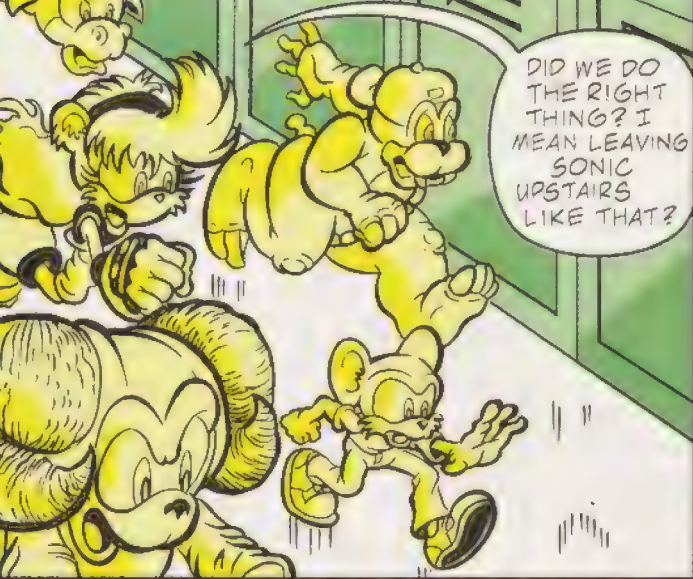


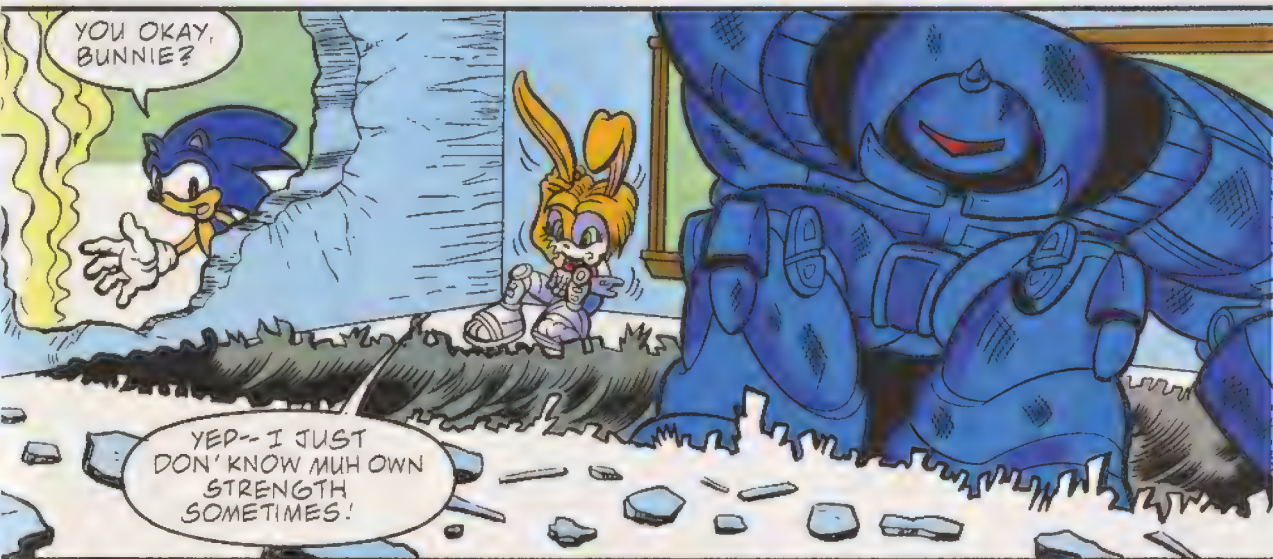
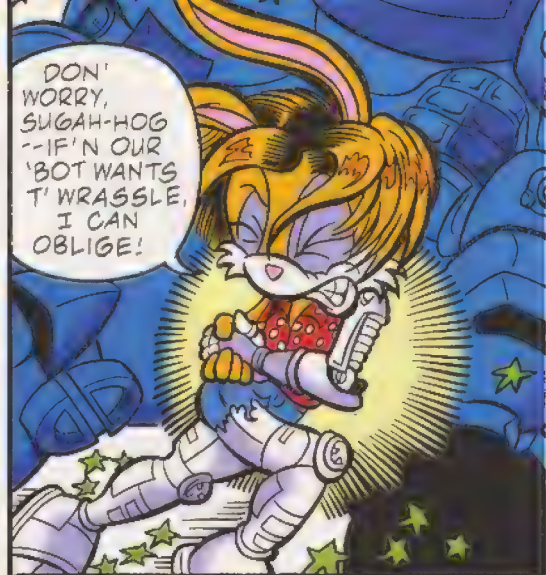
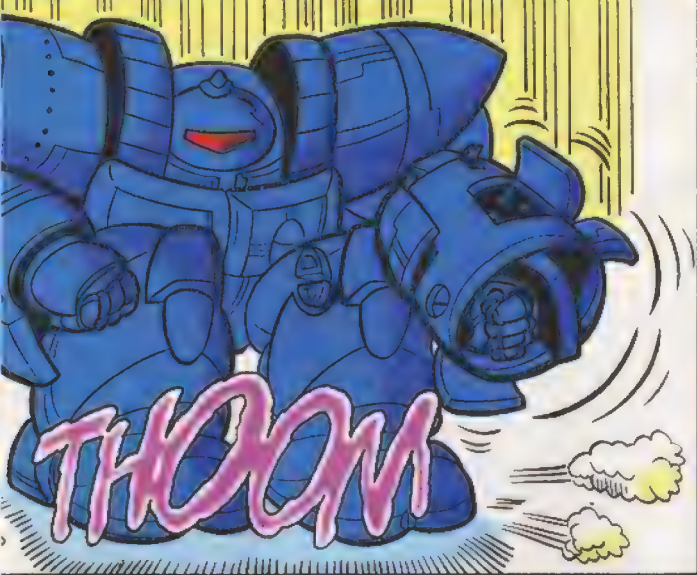
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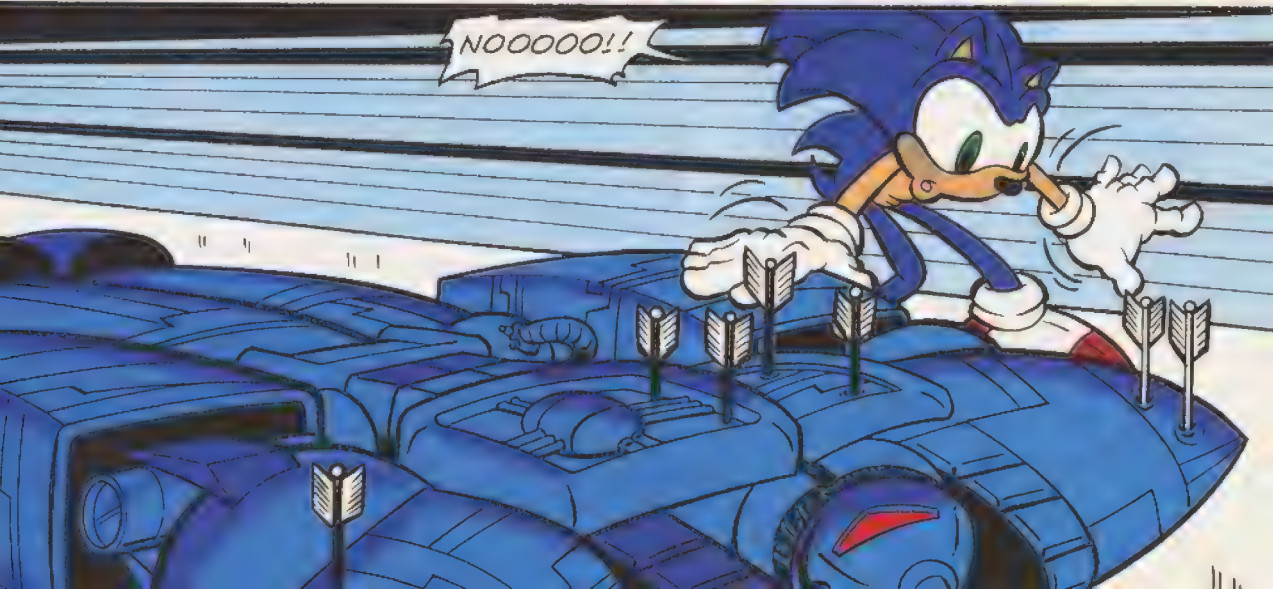


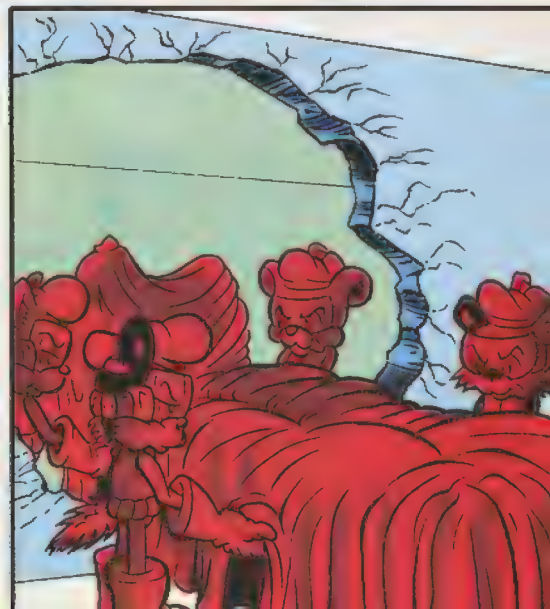
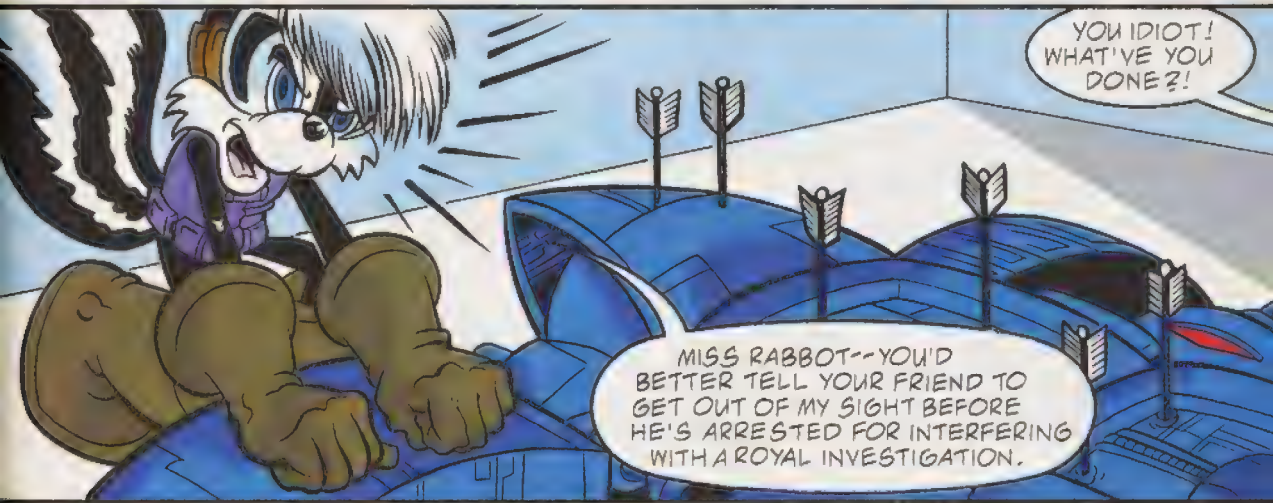
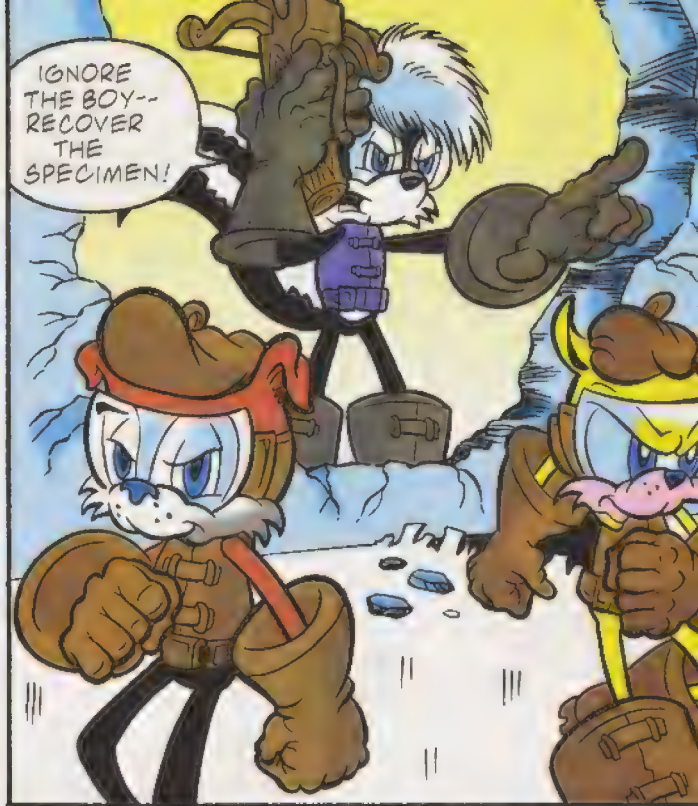
LIKE I WAS SAYIN'... MINA... ROTOR... WILL YOU EXCUSE ME?



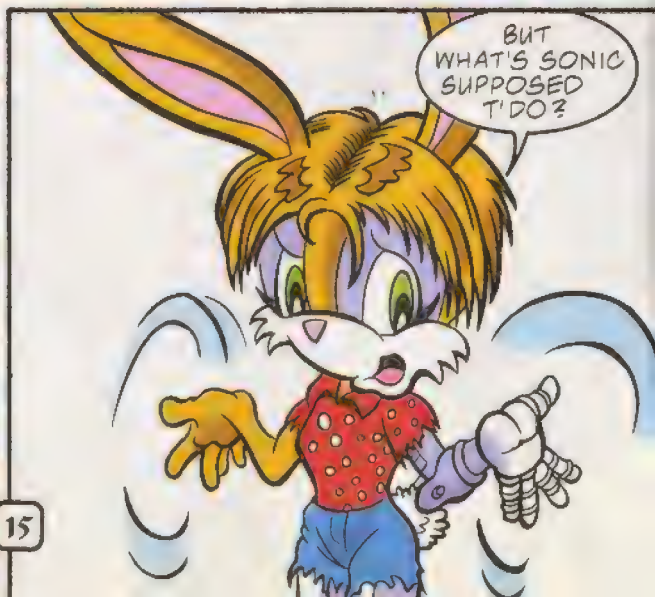


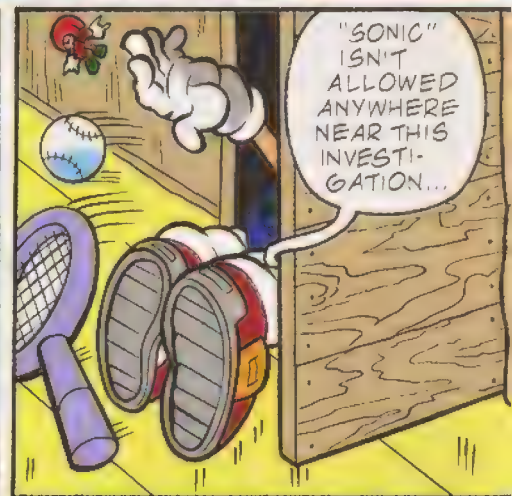
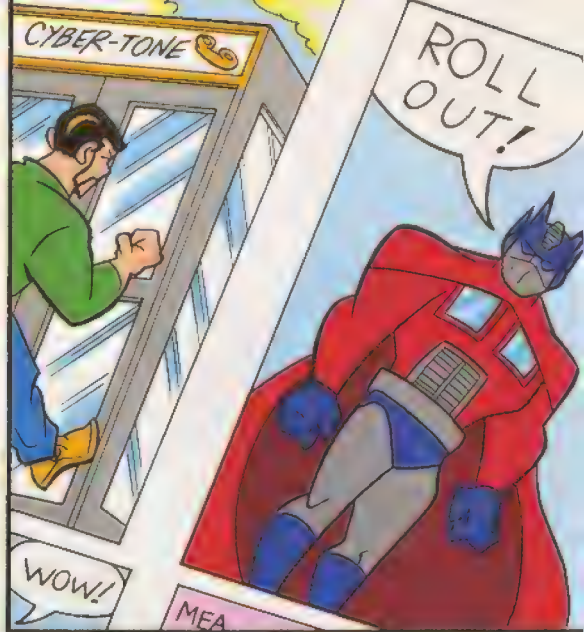
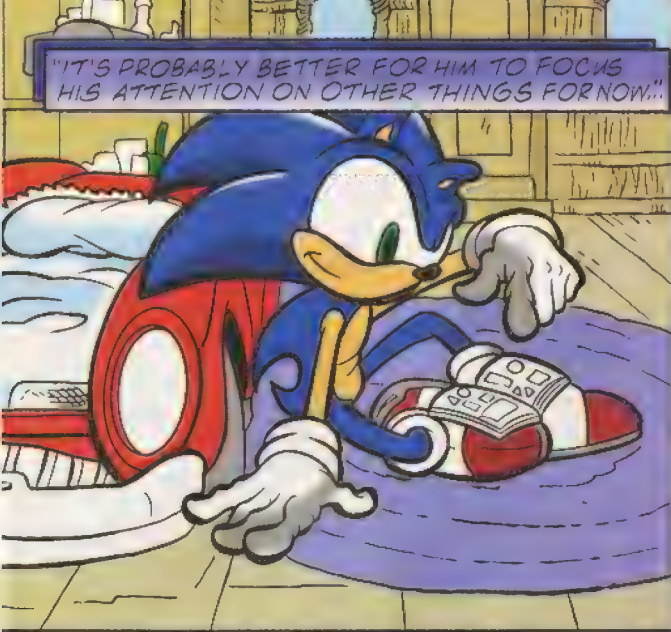






LATER.





Born to the most noble of Echidna houses, the latest to continue the family heritage and responsibility as Guardian of The Floating Island, defender of all against the forces of evil from the world beyond as well as those who would threaten from within!

ARCHIE COMICS AND SEGA PRESENT... KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA!

HE WAS BORN TO BE NONE OTHER THAN THE GUARDIAN OF THE FLOATING ISLAND, BUT NOW

KNUCKLES

IS EVOLVING INTO
SOMETHING MORE--MUCH MORE--

--AND NO ONE YET KNOWS WHAT THAT
COULD MEAN FOR EVERYONE WHO
DWELLS ON THE PLANET MOBIUS!

MY NEPHEW
LIES BEFORE ME
UNCONSCIOUS,
ATHAIR--

--AND ALL
BECAUSE OF
YOU!

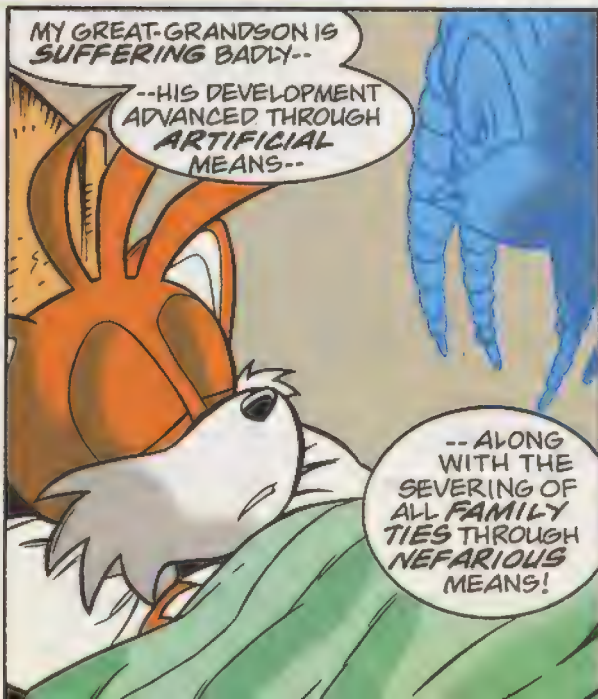
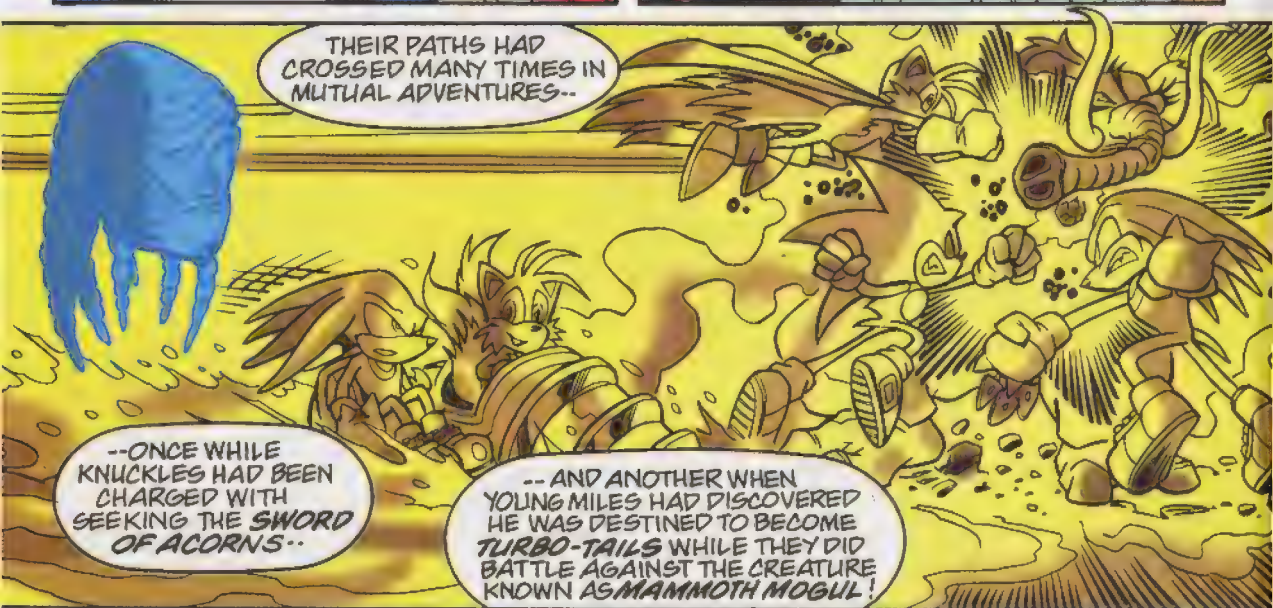
WHAT HAVE
YOU TO SAY FOR
YOURSELF?

THE BLAME
IS MINE, BUT
THAT DOESN'T DENY
ONE PERTINENT
FACT--

YOUNG MILES
MAY BE THE ONLY
ONE WHO CAN
SAVE MY GREAT-
GRANDSON!

The Chosen One

ANOTHER SEGA-INSPIRED STORY BY
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OUT OF THE QUESTION!!!

I'VE ALREADY LOST A **BROTHER!**
I WON'T LOSE HIS **ONLY SON** AS WELL!

BUT THE PROPHECIES--!



DON'T YOU DARE LECTURE ME ABOUT THE PROPHECIES!!!

HOW MANY **ACTUALLY** CAME **TRUE** WHEN YOU SHEPHERDED THE CLANSMEN?!! *

* AS RELATED IN "THE FORGOTTEN TRIBE" PRESENTED IN KNUCKLES #10 THROUGH 12--Justin



THE PROBLEM LAY NOT IN THE PROPHECIES, BUT IN THE **INTER-PRATER!**

MY SIN WAS THE ARROGANCE OF A BELIEF THAT I ALONE COULD PROTECT MY FAMILY FROM HARM!



HAD I UNDERSTOOD WHAT PART **FREE WILL** PLAYS--

FATHERRR...

ATHAIR!!

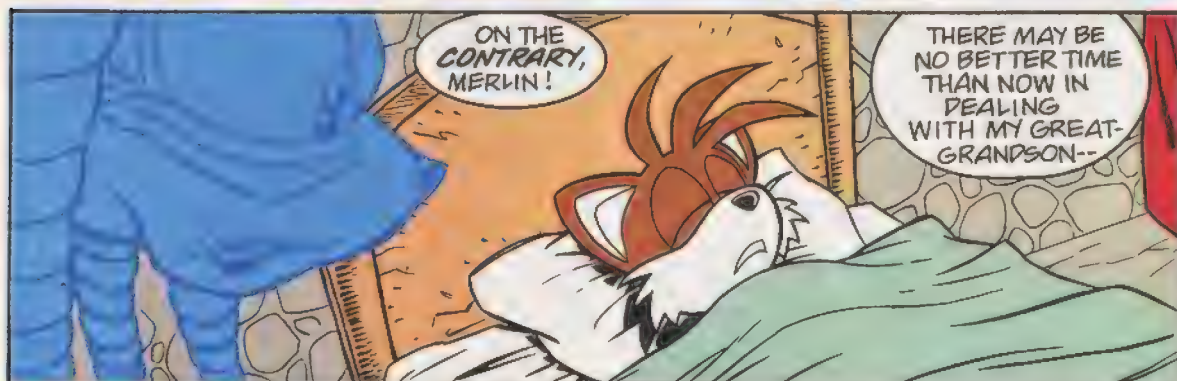
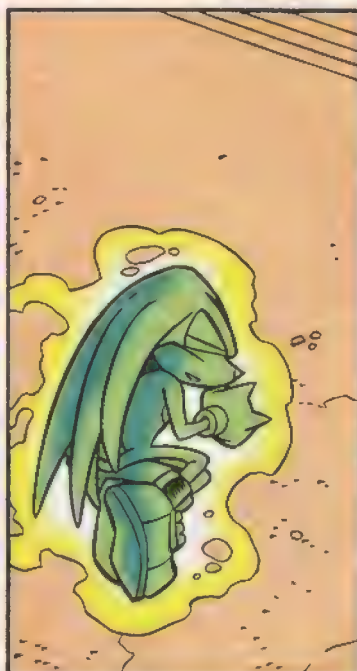
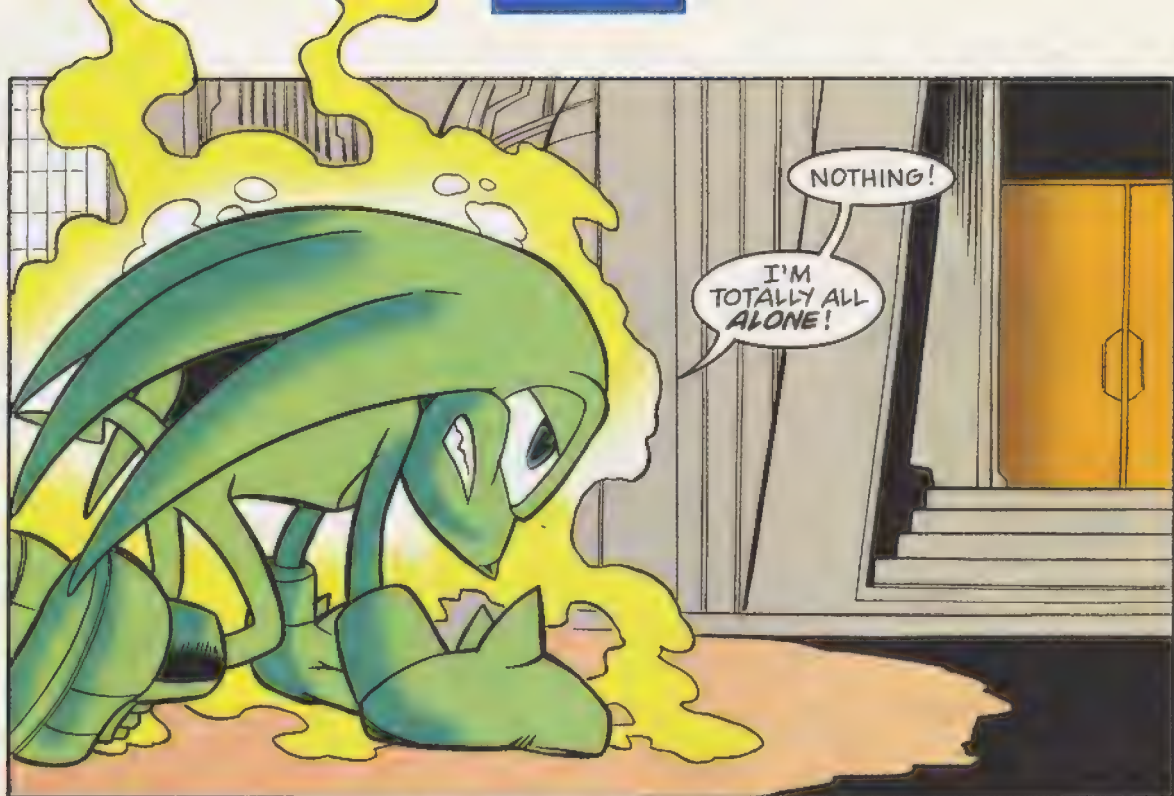
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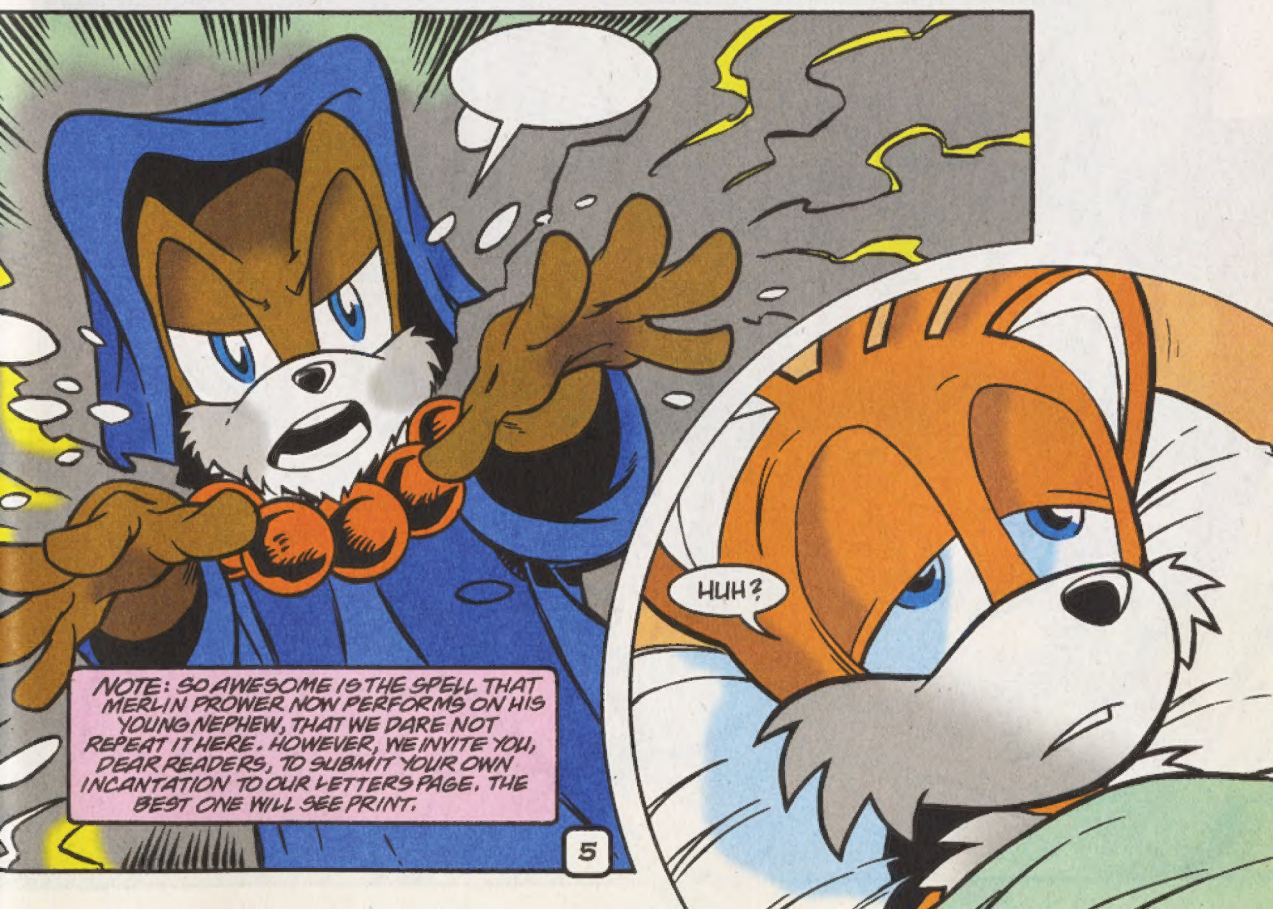
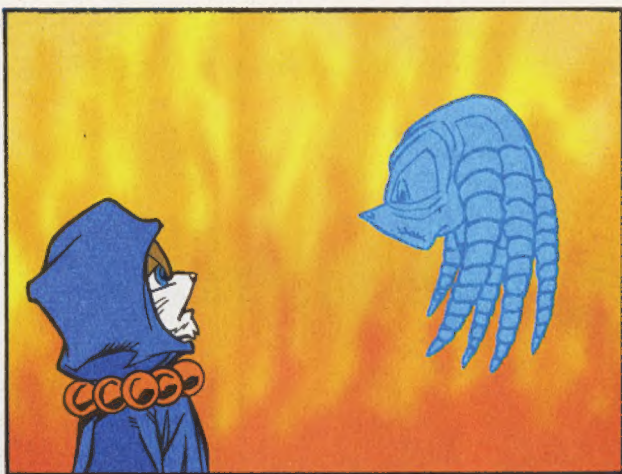


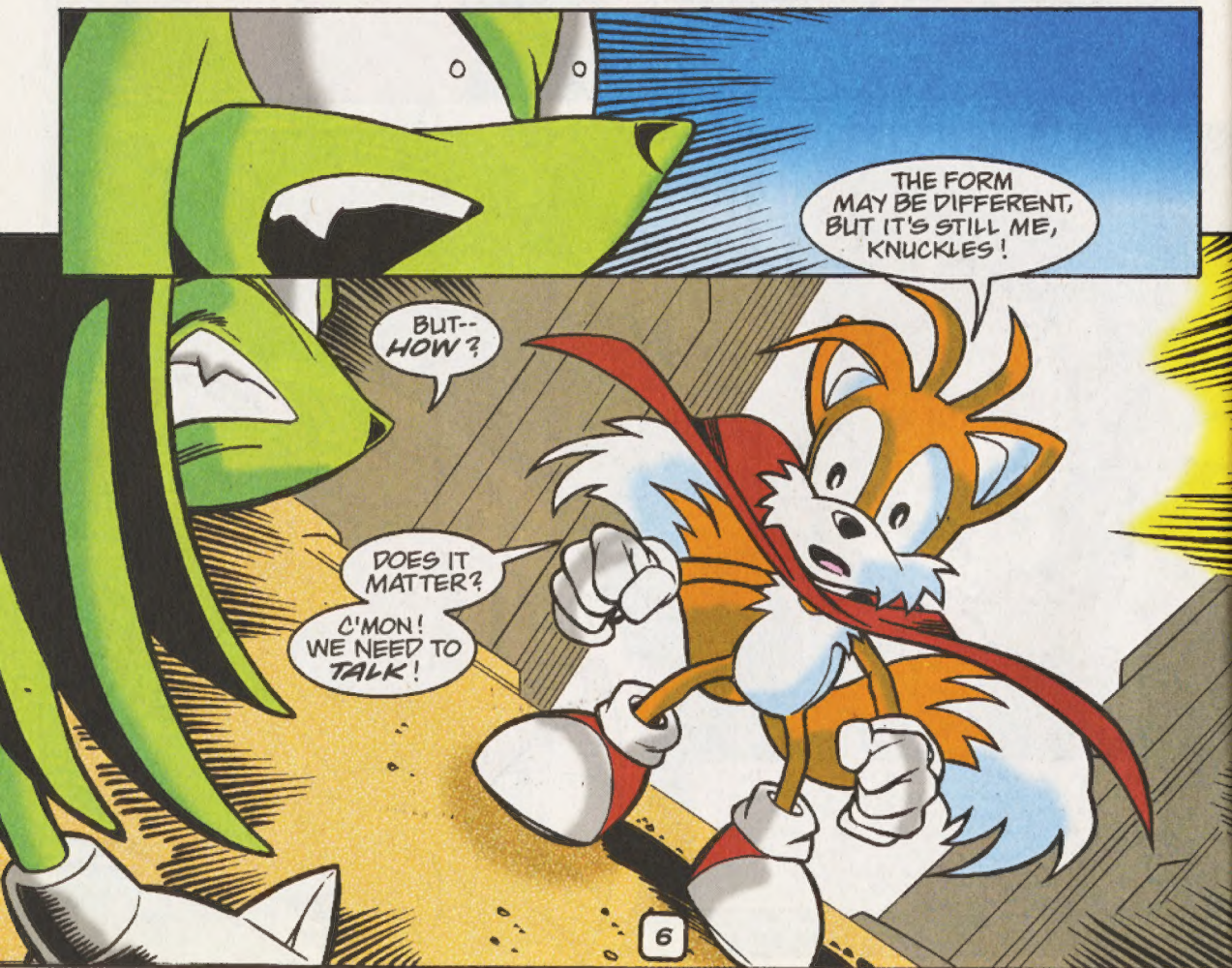
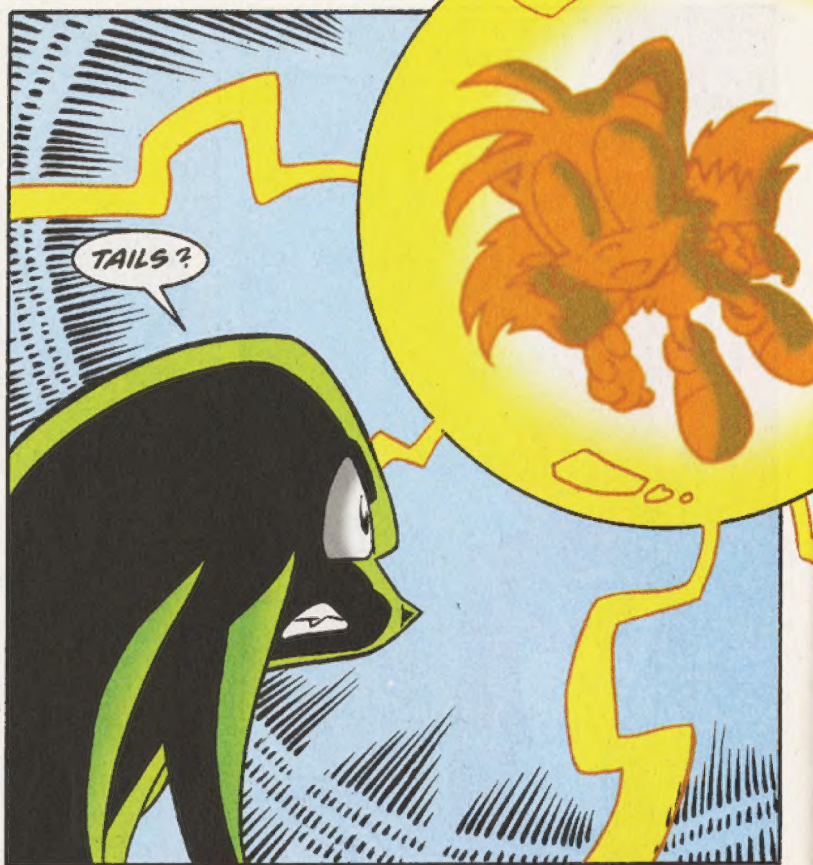
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JULIE-SUU...

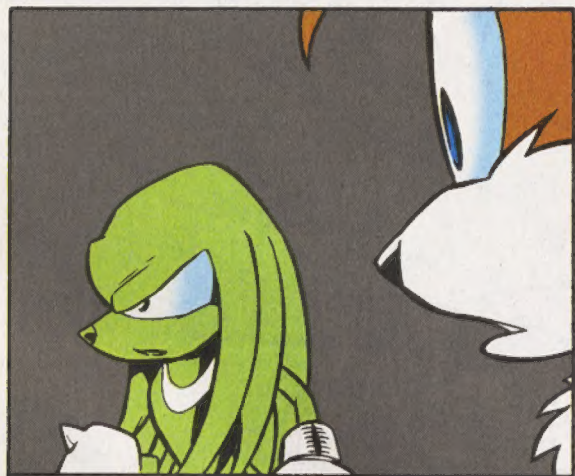
SUCH **ANGUISH!!!**
WHERE IS THE POOR CREATURE CRYING OUT FROM?!!

ANYONE...?









YOU'RE NOT
HERE TO **HELP**
ME AT ALL, ARE
YOU?

WHAM!

WOOF!

I'M SORRY,
KNUCKLES--

--BUT I DON'T THINK
YOU CAN TELL **FRIEND** FROM
FOE RIGHT NOW!!

SAYS WHO?

ANY MUG WHO
DECKS ME SURE AIN'T
A FRIEND--

--SO YOU BETTER
GET READY TO
RUMBLE!!!

**NEXT: DEATHMATCH
ECHIDNA STYLE!!!
C-YA IN 30!!!**